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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above noted patent application are the following documents:

1. Transmittal letter (1 pg) and 1 copy;
2. AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL (17 pages); and
3. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 (3 pages).

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